



NASA Automated Awards System
Reviewer / Approver
User Guide

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 System Description

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Automated Awards System (NAAS) is a web-based application that provides the necessary interfaces and automated processes to easily initiate, review, approve, and monitor award submissions for both NASA-wide and local Center awards. The application was developed at the request of NASA in order to consolidate and unify the Human Resource processes and all NASA agency award processing into a single agency-wide processing and management system. NAAS is based on the concepts and functionality developed in the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Awards Web Database Version Two (AWD2) that has been used at KSC since 2001 and has undergone several upgrades.

NAAS builds on this experience, incorporating additional workflow automation and the functionality to manage additional award types such as NASA Honor Awards, monetary and time-off awards, and Center specific awards. The NAAS also incorporates support for the unique functions that are the responsibility of the new NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC).

NAAS incorporates a rich set of tools that allow system users to oversee and manage certain key aspects of the awards nomination-review-approval process; including automated notification of pending actions, tracking of current status, and monitoring an organization's available awards budget balance.

1.2 Operating Requirements

NAAS is a web-based application designed to be used in conjunction with a web browser, such as Internet Explorer, on a local Intranet. The Universal Resource Locator (URL) address for NAAS is:
<https://naas.nasa.gov>.

1.3 Desktop Configuration

The workstation desktop configuration required for accessing NAAS is the standard desktop Personal Computer (PC) setup, web browser, and network connectivity. General, application-wide requirements are as follows:

- Web interface within Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4.0 or later.
- Minimum graphical display resolution of 600x800.
- Graphical display consisting of a minimum of 256 colors.
- Flash 8 plug-in

1.4 Training

Each NASA center will have a designated NAAS trainer. Contact the NAAS Administrator or Human Resource (HR) office for further training information.

1.5 Technical Support

NAAS technical support for NASA users is provided by the NSSC at the Stennis Space Flight Center (SSFC).

2.0 CENTER REVIEWER ROLE

The Center Reviewer can recommend or reject any award nomination for which this reviewer is identified as the Reviewer on the nomination.

Center Reviewer will not have access to NAAS, other than through the e-mail interface.

1. The Center Reviewer receives an email as exemplified in Figure 2-1.

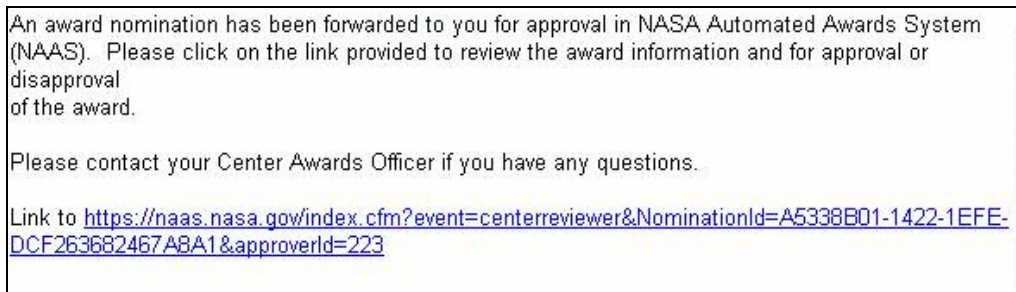


Figure 2-1, Center Reviewer email example

2. Click the link to display the **Center Reviewer Action** page, Figure 2-2.

A web form titled "Center Reviewer Action" with a light blue border. It contains the following elements:

- Name:** A dropdown menu with the text "Individual name with drop down to display all individuals in group award" and a blue arrow icon.
- Award Category:** A text field with "Award Title" as the placeholder.
- Monetary Amount:** A text field with "Monetary Amount of award, if any" as the placeholder.
- Time Off Amount:** A text field with "Time-off amount of award, if any" as the placeholder.
- Justification:** A section with the text "Full text of the Justification." followed by a large text area for input.
- Options:** Three radio buttons with labels: "Approve Nomination", "Not Approve Nomination", and "Request Change".
- Comment:** A text field labeled "Not Approved or Request Change Comment".
- Buttons:** A "Send" button at the bottom right.

Figure 2-2, Center Reviewer action page

3. Click on the either the **Approve Nomination**, **Not Approve Nomination**, or **Request Change** option button as determined by the reviewer, enter any desired or required comments, and click the **Send** button.

3.0 CENTER APPROVER ROLE

The Center Approver can approve or disapprove any award nomination for which this approver is identified as the Approver on the nomination.

Center Approver will not have access to NAAS, other than through the e-mail interface.

1. The Center Approver receives an email as exemplified in Figure 3-1.

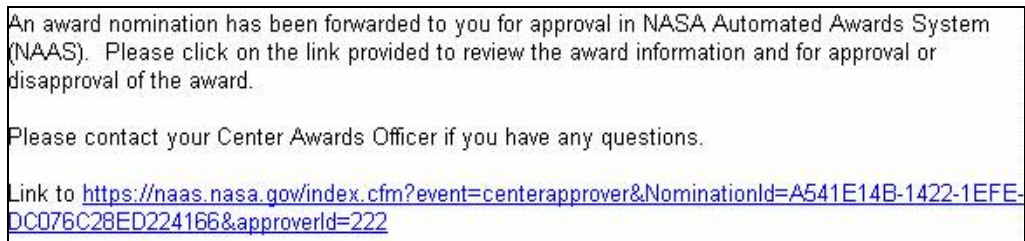


Figure 3-1, Center Approver email example

2. Click the link to display the **Center Approver Action** page, Figure 3-2.

The screenshot shows the "Center Approver Action" web page. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Individual name with drop down to display all individuals in group award". Below this are several fields: "Name:", "Award Category: Award Title", "Monetary Amount: Monetary Amount of award, if any", and "Time Off Amount: Time off amount of award, if any". A "Justification:" section follows, with a note "Full text of the justification." Below the justification is a prompt: "Please select an option below. If the award is not approved, a comment must be added". There are two radio buttons: "Approve Nomination" (selected) and "Not Approve Nomination". Below these is a "Not Approved Comment" text area with a scroll bar. At the bottom is a "Send" button.

Figure 3-1, Center Approver action page

3. Click on the either the **Approve Nomination** or **Not Approve Nomination** option button as determined by the approver, enter any desired or required comments, and click the **Send** button.